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QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS FOR ALEXANDER PROPERTY.

Messrs. Hart Through Their Agents Sell Rich Mountain Railroad and Tract of Land to an Eastern Syndicate for Big Sum of Money.

Deal Closed Here by Messrs. Hugill and Annon-Wabash Railroad Company May be Behind the Purchasers--Valuable Timber and Coal Lands.

One of the largest and most important deals taking place in this section within the past several months was consummated in this city late Friday afternoon. It involved the purchase of a property at the sum of a quarter million dollars and is in all probability the beginning of an important railroad and development movement.

The deal was engineered by Edmund Hugill and O. A. Annon, of this city. They have been working on it since December 6 and met with remarkable success to close a deal of such magnitude in so short a time.

By this deal they have sold for Charles M. and John B. Hart, of this city, the Alexander property in Barbour and Upshur counties to an eastern syndicate. The purchasers are C. H. Williams, Justice Cox, Jr., and James Graff, Philadelphia capitalists. The consideration was \$250,000.

The property consists of 15,000 acres of land, the Rich Mountain railroad, several saw-mills and so on. The railroad's rolling stock consists of a locomotive, twenty or more logging cars and a steam loader.

The tract is one of the most valuable in West Virginia. It has extensive timber lands and is underlaid with the New River veins of coal, the finest in the state. These two features of the territory together with its splendid location make it a very valuable property. The railroad itself is very valuable. It is the regular broad gauge and is in fine working condition.

Before the purchase Mr. Williams thoroughly inspected the property and was favorably impressed with it. He reported the result of his investigations to his syndicate and they came here and closed the deal as above stated.

They are now upon the property making further inspection of its preparatory to future action.

The purchase will be a good thing for them in the way of development. Its location makes the railroad almost a necessary part of the Wabash system, which will traverse that part of the state, and it may be that the Wabash Railroad Company is behind the deal. However, no such information has been authorized.

FUNERAL

of Mrs. Rhoda Bartlett at Mt. Clare Occurs.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rhoda Bartlett took place Saturday at her residence at Mt. Clare. Rev. Lloyd W. Holden officiated. The remains were then brought here on the morning train and taken to the I. O. O. F. cemetery, where interment was made. Rev. R. B. McDaniel officiated at the grave. Quite a number of relatives, friends and neighbors attended. The deceased was the wife of Dr. T. B. Bartlett. She was 67 years of age. Apoplexy caused her death.

COUNTY INFIRMARY

Receives Joe Plummer, a Young Coal Miner.

Joe Plummer, a young miner, was taken from Adamston this afternoon by J. R. Amis, overseer of the poor to the county infirmary. Mr. Plummer was paralyzed some months ago and spent some time in Kessler hospital, but for the past month or so friends have been looking after him. He is an excellent young man and has the sympathy of all who know him.

RESIGNS

As Manager of the Koblegard Cigar Factory.

Fred A. Powell resigned yesterday afternoon as manager of the Koblegard cigar factory. He has been in the employ of the company five years, and the past year acted as manager of the factory. He will visit Maysville, Ky. after which he will go into business either in Philippi or Pittsburg. He is a practical tobaccoist.

PAPER SUED

Mr. Callahan Obtains Judgment for a Claim.

J. D. Callahan obtained a judgment in Squire David's court yesterday against the Herald Publishing Company for \$100.70. He avers in his bill that that amount is due him for work done on the industrial edition that company had printed in Wheeling some weeks ago.

Bank Will Open

The new bank at Bridgeport has been delayed in getting opened up but matters are in shape now with the exception of the bank examiner's certificate. It is expected to arrive from the examiner's office today. If it comes in time the bank will open next Monday. As has been stated previously Harry Armstrong, of Elkins, will be the cashier.

Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association will meet Tuesday evening of next week for the nominations of directors for the terms of office which expire this month. Other matters of importance are scheduled.

MYSTERY

Connected With the Death of a Baby Being Probed.

Officers Are Trying to Unravel the Affair.

Body May be Exhumed to Settle the Matter.

Coroner W. P. Camp, Constable Marcellus McClung and Prosecuting Attorney J. E. Law are trying to unravel the mystery surrounding the death and burial of a young child, reported to belong to C. W. Lawman and wife, who left here a couple of days ago for parts unknown. More than ten days ago the child was buried. The neighbors saw a coffin taken to the place and carried out. The child was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. None of the neighbors were called in. Gossip started in that neighborhood and finally the officers got on to the matter but not until after Lawman had departed. It was ascertained that Mrs. Lawman was not the child's mother, although Lawman gave out a statement, making that impression.

Mr. Camp and McClung spent several hours yesterday afternoon in that neighborhood but learned nothing of value. There is no idea what physician, if any attended. No one in the neighborhood seems to know anything about it.

There is reason to believe that something wrong occurred in the matter and it will be thoroughly investigated. It is possible the prosecuting attorney will order the body exhumed.

M. E. Church, South.

M. E. Church, South, corner Main and Chestnut streets, O. F. Williams, pastor.

Class meeting at 9.30 a. m. George S. Wine, leader.

Preaching 10.45 and 7 p. m. by pastor.

Sunday school 2 p. m. Dr. A. S. Carr, superintendent.

All are invited to worship with us.

Meeting of Fire Committee

Mayor Crile has called a meeting of the fire committee for 7.30 o'clock next Monday evening in his office. The committee is comprised of Councilmen Lewis, Seely and Keenan. The object of the meeting will be to further some contemplated improvements in the conduct of the fire department.

Baptist Church.

The Rev. R. B. McDaniel will preach tomorrow morning on the church motto for 1903. "For the love of Christ Constraineth us." The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be administered after the sermon. The subject of the sermon at night will be "The Peace of Jesus."

Appraisers at Work

The appraisers appointed by Referee W. Frank Stout in the bankruptcy case of Frank Berry are engaged in appraising the property today. The appraisers are Thomas G. Brady, Willoughby Harrison and Gur N. Smith.

WANTED—Bell boy at the Traders Hotel. Jan 3-3w.

LOST—Bunch of keys, attached to brass chain, between my home and store. Finder will receive liberal reward for return to me at the Palace Furniture Store. W. B. McGinnis. Jan 3-1f.

SWINDLERS

Are Operating Among People in Rural Districts.

Say They Are Peddlers Selling Clothing at Low Prices.

Get Money Down But Fail to Deliver Goods.

Many residents have been swindled in Taylor county by persons professing to be itinerant peddlers but who in fact are impostors. Their plan was to sell clothing, take half the price cash in hand paid and agree to deliver the clothing at a future date. They failed, however, to make good the last feature of the agreement and their patrons who had the idea that they were getting goods cheaper are out the money they paid them. These same fellows after operating extensively in that county have come into Harrison county and are busy victimizing the farmers. It is reported on reliable authority that among those who have been objects of their swindle are Sidney Haymond and Abner Stout, residing in Elk district. They are said to have purchased clothing, paying half down but that was the last they heard of the peddlers, from whom they were led to believe they were getting big bargains. The people should be on the look-out for them and give them the "not-at-home" reception, when they call at their front door.

CANCELLED

Are Sunday Evening Lectures—Change in Y. M. C. A. Meetings.

It was announced at the Y. M. C. A. this morning that the Sunday evening union meetings had ended. Greater stress will be laid upon the importance of the Sunday afternoon mass meeting for men. The meetings will be held in the opera house at 4 p. m. as in the past and admission will be by ticket only. Tickets may be secured free at the Traders Hotel news stand, Bland's drug store, Swager's and at the Association office. Men only will be admitted.

BYRON W. KING

Is Coming Back Under the Auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Byron W. King, the lecturer and dramatic reader, who took the town by storm when here in the early part of the season under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., in response to a request for a return date telegraphed the secretary of the Association this morning that to owing a cancelled date on the Pacific coast, he will be able to give Clarksburg January 11th. The offer was accepted at once and the Association will announce the lecture at once.

First Presbyterian

Rev. William H. Hudson, the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church, is in the city and will enter upon the pastorate regularly at once. He will preach both morning and evening tomorrow at the usual hour. Large congregations will doubtless listen to his initial sermons in this field. When he preached here some weeks ago he made a very favorable impression. The Telegram extends him a hearty welcome and bespeaks for him great success in the work.

BURGLARY

Of a Meat Market at Adamston Friday Night.

Foreign Coal Miner Arrested for the Crime.

Stole Coupon Books, Pennies and Mince Ham.

The meat market of George Criss and Frank Claussan, at Adamston, was burglarized Friday night between 9 and 10 o'clock. The burglar bursted the door in and entered that way. He took two coupon books, valued at \$5, pennies and nickels amounting to 15 or 20 cents, and a mince ham.

The burglary was not discovered until some hours later, and there was no clue until Tommy McHale, a foreign coal miner, tried Saturday morning to sell one of the coupon books to Jester Dominick. The latter having heard of the burglary notified Mr. Claussan of the attempt to sell the book to him.

A warrant was immediately issued by Squire Riley against McHale and given to Special Constable H. W. Mitchell to execute. At half-past two Saturday afternoon, he found him in the Diamond saloon and placed him under arrest. He was put in jail to await trial Monday.

MRS. LOWE

Dies at Her Home at Eldora, Marion County.

The death of Mrs. Robert Lowe occurred at her late home in Eldora in Marion county at 5 o'clock Saturday morning. Thursday she received a stroke of paralysis and this brought on apoplexy, which caused her death. She was about 70 years of age. The husband, several sons and daughters survive her. She had relatives living in this county and was quite well known here.

MR. SUTTER

Goes Into Business for Himself in Glen Elk.

C. P. Sutter, late clerk for the Berry Hardware Company, has gone into business for himself. He has opened a store in the building recently erected on Fourth street in Glen Elk by Henry Haymond, and will have slate and tin roofing done. Mr. Sutter is a splendid young business man. We bespeak success for him.

Sheep Killed.

Sheep killing dogs were abroad in the land last night. They visited the farm of Lloyd L. Lang, in Simpson district, and killed and maimed twelve of his sheep. A. A. Lang discovered one of them devouring a sheep this morning and shot it. This was the only dog seen and the ownership of it was not ascertained. The killing of the sheep caused a considerable loss to Mr. Lang.

Men's Meeting.

A cordial invitation is extended for the Y. M. C. A. meeting in the Opera House Sunday afternoon. Admission will be by ticket. Rev. L. E. Peters will deliver an interesting and helpful address, "What we see, know and what we are." Special music will be furnished by a male quartet. An announcement is made that Prof. Byron W. King will address the meeting the following Sunday.

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT CITY COUNCIL WANTS

Harrison County Legislators will be Asked to Have Election Clause of City Charter Amended so as to Have Australian System.

Council Desires to "Let the Band Play" and The Fire Alarm will Sound the Ward Three Times Every Time a Fire Occurs--Other Business of Council.

The City Council held its regular meeting Friday night, with Mayor Crile and Councilman Keenan, Hart, Kearns, Lewis, Hurst, Seely and Long present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Councilman Long, who acted as clerk in the absence of Mr. Alexander. They were corrected and approved.

The bill of the Clarksburg Electric Light Company of \$400.25 was referred to the Light committee for correction, there being an over-charge, it was claimed.

Drug store license was granted to R. H. Thompson in the Glen Elk hotel.

A letter from J. L. Ruffin informing council that he had measured the distance for a sewer through his property and found it to be 125 feet. The letter was referred to the street committee.

A permit for a one story four room frame dwelling on Mechanic street was granted to W. S. Williams.

C. W. Loggett was given a permit to build a stable of corrugated iron and steel on South Third street.

J. F. Allen was given permission to extend the water main from the former plant of the Citizens Ice Company to his resident property in Point Comfort. The expense is to be borne by Mr. Allen.

The matter of exoneration of taxes charged to Mrs. Margaret Coffey was referred to the City Collector for adjustment.

Mayor Crile asked for an expression on the matter of sounding the fire alarm, when fires occur. He explained in detail his objection to large crowds gathering at fires and getting in the way. He stated that he wished to comply with the desires of the people. Councilmen Lewis, Hurst and Keenan made remarks in favor of the blowing of the alarm, and suggested that policemen be stationed to keep the crowd back. It was decided with out a vote that they would "let the band play," and the alarm will sound the ward three times.

Captain Callahan reported that it was troublesome to get lumber here for street purposes and that a car load had been ordered.

Councilman Keenan moved that the city clerk instruct the street car company to repair between its tracks and eighteen inches on either side. The motion carried.

Councilman Hurst moved that the council recommend that the representatives from this county to the Legislature be requested to have the city charter amended so as to hold the municipal elections under the Australian ballot system.

City Treasurer John R. Steel reported collections amounting to \$3,110.44, from December 6, and expenditures of \$7,497.67 since December 6.

Bills were audited and ordered paid as follows:
M. V. Hurst..... \$ 2.00
Fire Department..... 8.25

Clarksburg Ice & Storage Co.....	2.80
Dr. N. Peck.....	9.00
R. T. Lowades.....	13.23
Williams & Davidson.....	58.15
Clarksburg Supply Co.....	8.04
Jacob M. Swartz.....	2.85
Tate & McCune.....	65.97
Leatherbury Shoe Co.....	117.19
W. Va. Mine Supply Co.....	49.75
Clarksburg Planing Mill.....	19.98
Water Works.....	49.26
Street pay roll.....	129.85
D. D. Britt.....	24.00
D. Aumiller.....	13.65

ROBBERY

By Two Boys at a Store in Northview.

Used False Key and Stole \$30 in Money.

Warrant Issued by Squire Gordon for Their Arrest.

C. H. Kidd secured a warrant in Squire Gordon's court this morning for the arrest of Harper Cunningham and a young fellow named Roland, accusing them of the theft of \$30 in money from his store at Northview yesterday afternoon. He has missed money from his cash drawer from time to time and concluded to set a trap for the robbers. So he marked a lot of money, among which were some nickels and a \$20 bank note. They stole the marked money and this morning they offered some of it in payment of articles bought at Kidd's own store. He readily recognized it and caught the robbers. They were accused by him and one of them virtually confessed to the theft. Some of the money was recovered. One of them is just a little more than 16 years of age and the other is not quite 16. It appears that they had a key which unlocked the drawer. The warrant was given to Constable McClung with instructions to arrest the boys and bring them before the magistrate.

Goff M. E. Church.

6 a. m.—Class Meeting, J. U. Thorn, Leader.
9.45 a. m.—Sunday School, J. I. Alexander, Supt.
10.45—Public Worship and Sermon. Topic: "Numbering Our Days."
6.30 p. m.—Epworth League Devotional Service, subject: "Time for Meditation—The Morning Watch," Chas. E. Lamberd, Leader.
7 p. m.—Public Worship and Sermon, topic: "Keeping Good Resolutions." You are cordially invited to all of the above services.
S. K. ARBUTHNOT, Pastor